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SUBJECT: ENERGY GROUP MEETING

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1. WE INFORMED MFA (ROBERHOLDT) OF SUPPLEMENTARY
MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR BRANDT (REF B) THAT PRESIDENT WOULD
ALSO BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO SUGGESTION BY COMMUNITY
THAT ALL MEMBER STATES ATTEND ENERGY MEETING IN WASHINGTON.
RIBERHOLDT VERY PLEASED AND RELIEVED. WHILE, AS INDICATED
REF C, INITAL DANISH REACTION HAD BEEN UNDERSTANDING
OF US CONCERNS ABOUT AVOIDING EXCESSIVELY LARGE MEETING,
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THEY WOULD NATURALLY PREFER TO BE DIRECTLY REPRESENTED.

THIS IS ALL THE MORE TRUE SINCE DANES HAVE CONSIDERABLE DOUBTS ABOUT ABILITY OF COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP COORDINATED VIEWS ON ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT EAG MEETING.

2. RIBERHOLDT TOLD US THAT, AT EC PERMREP MEETING IN BRUSSELS LAST NIGHT (JANUARY 9), DANISH REP RAISED QUESTION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION AT WASHINGTON MEETING AND URGED EARLY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO US OFFER. (AT THAT POINT. DANES WERE THINKING OF ONE PERSON -- POSSIBLY ORTOLI -- TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF THOSE MEMBER STATES NOT INVITED.) DANES ALSO PROPOSED THAT EC SET IN MOTION DEVELOPMENT OF COMMON ATTITUDE TOWARD ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT WASHINGTON MEETING. THEY MOVED THESE TWO ISSUES BE PLACED ON EC COUNCIL AGENDA FOR MONDAY. BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG SUPPORTED DANISH MOTION. ACCORDING TO RIBERHOLDT, FRENCH AND BELGIANS THEN ENGAGED IN PROCEDURAL DISPUTE WHICH ENDED BY GERMAN CHAIRMAN RULING THAT PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY MEETING, INCLUDING POINTS RAISED BY DANES, BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL MEETING AS ITEM SEPARATE FROM THE ONE ALREADY ON AGENDA CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF EC ENERGY COMMITTEE AS AGREED AT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. DUNNIGAN

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